

# Philosophy Outreach Project

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The Philosophy Outreach Project gets high school students across Indiana thinking.

POP creates alternative spaces for learning in classrooms, clubs, online, and conference settings. By curating philosophical content and fostering philosophical discussion, POP provides high school students with tools and a platform to engage with each other and the world.

POP is run by three teams of Ball State students with a variety of different interests and backgrounds. POP's team includes students studying philosophy, psychology, English, communications, criminal justice, and more.

This diversity of interests and knowledge allows for an impressive level of collaboration, which is ultimately what makes POP successful in promoting and facilitating pre-college philosophy.

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# Team

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## Our Team

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The Philosophy Outreach Project is led by a different group of immersive-learning students each year. In addition, an Advisory Board assists with long-term planning.

**Social Media Team:** Annie Behring, India Garner, Kayla Smith, and Zoe Zumbaugh

**MCHS/Site Visit Team:** Emma Hamilton, Avery Langdon, Samuel Owens, and Cierra Tindall


**Resource Team:** Molly Arent, Destanee Griffin, Emily Fuher, and Sam Seifert

**Instructor:** Dr. Sarah Vitale

Read bios of our POP team members [here!](#)

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# MCHS/Site Visit Team

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POP's Muncie Central High School/Site Visit team is responsible for facilitating discussions at Muncie Central High School's weekly philosophy club meetings, as well as coordinating site visits to Indiana high schools.

The aim of both of these forms of outreach is to make philosophy more accessible to high school students. Leading the MCHS philosophy club is one way that POP has been able to achieve this goal within the local community. POP aims to encourage the high school students to guide the conversations. This allows for an increased level of engagement, creativity, and philosophical dialogue amongst students.

POP also aims to achieve the goal of making philosophy more accessible by visiting Indiana high schools and facilitating conversations on a wide variety of philosophical topics. Ball State students work with high school teachers and club leaders to provide tailored presentations for specific schools.

Due to COVID-19, both the MCHS philosophy club and site visits have been taking place virtually, via Zoom. The POP team has worked hard to provide an engaging and fun experience for high school students over this platform. It's taken creativity and patience, but over the past several months, the POP team has successfully adapted to the challenges of virtual learning.

**MCHS/Site Visit Team Staff:** Emma Hamilton, Avery Langdon, Samuel Owens, Cierra Tindall



# Social Media Team

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One of the main ways POP connects with high school students who are interested in philosophy is through social media. Especially during COVID-19, social media has been a great way to provide students with their daily dose of philosophy!

POP's social media and online presence is entirely run by the social media team. Each week, the team chooses a philosopher of the week to highlight on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. They also advertise the online resources made by the resource team, make weekly posts about the discussions at the MCHS philosophy club, and share engaging discussion questions and polls.

The social media team is also responsible for promoting POP during One Ball State Day. This year, the social media team created an online campaign consisting of challenges, prizes, and interviews in order to garner support for POP. Due to their efforts, POP received over \$650 dollars in donations!

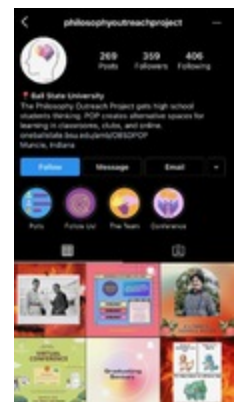
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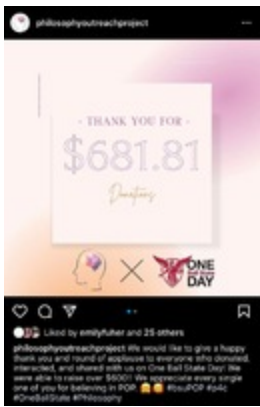
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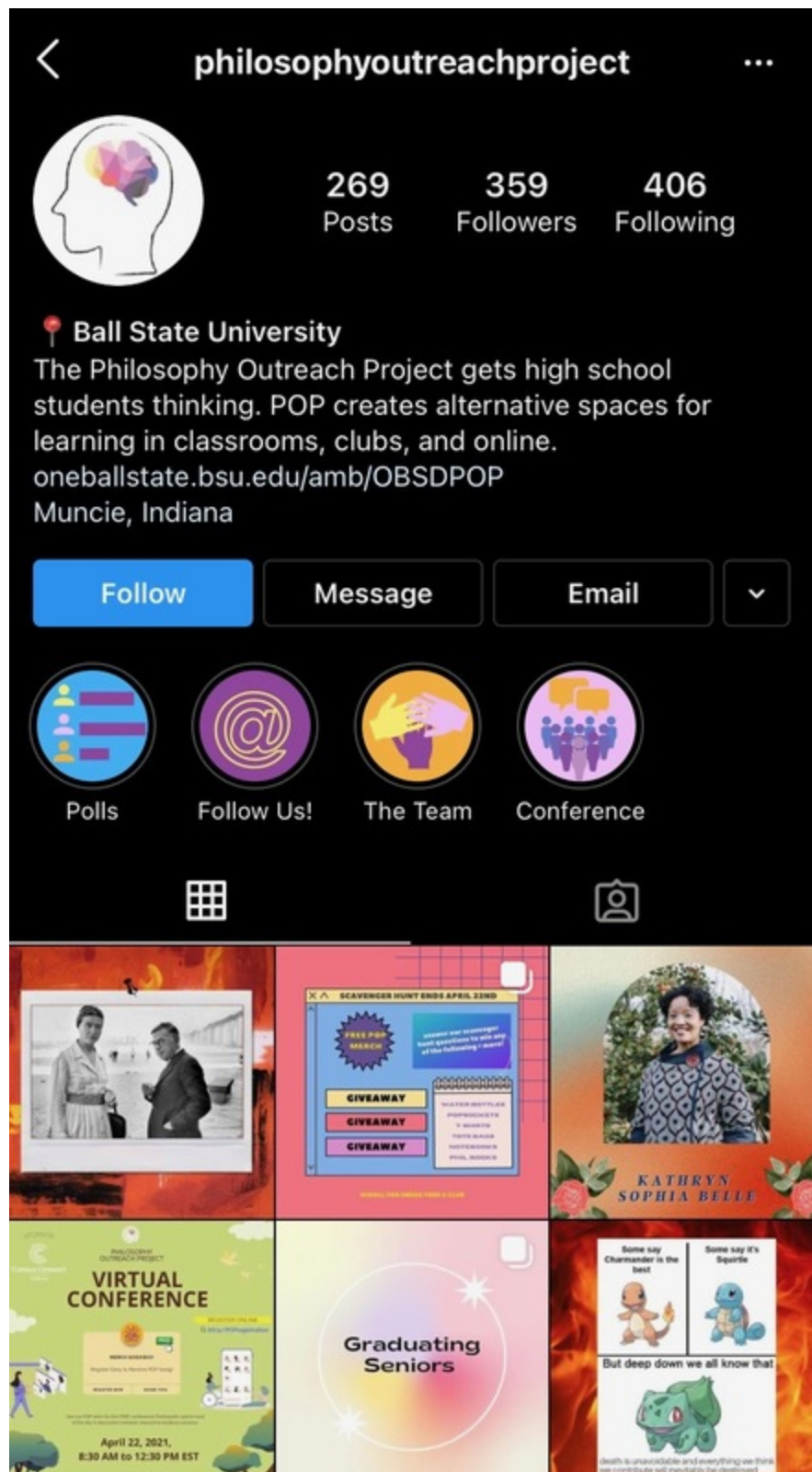
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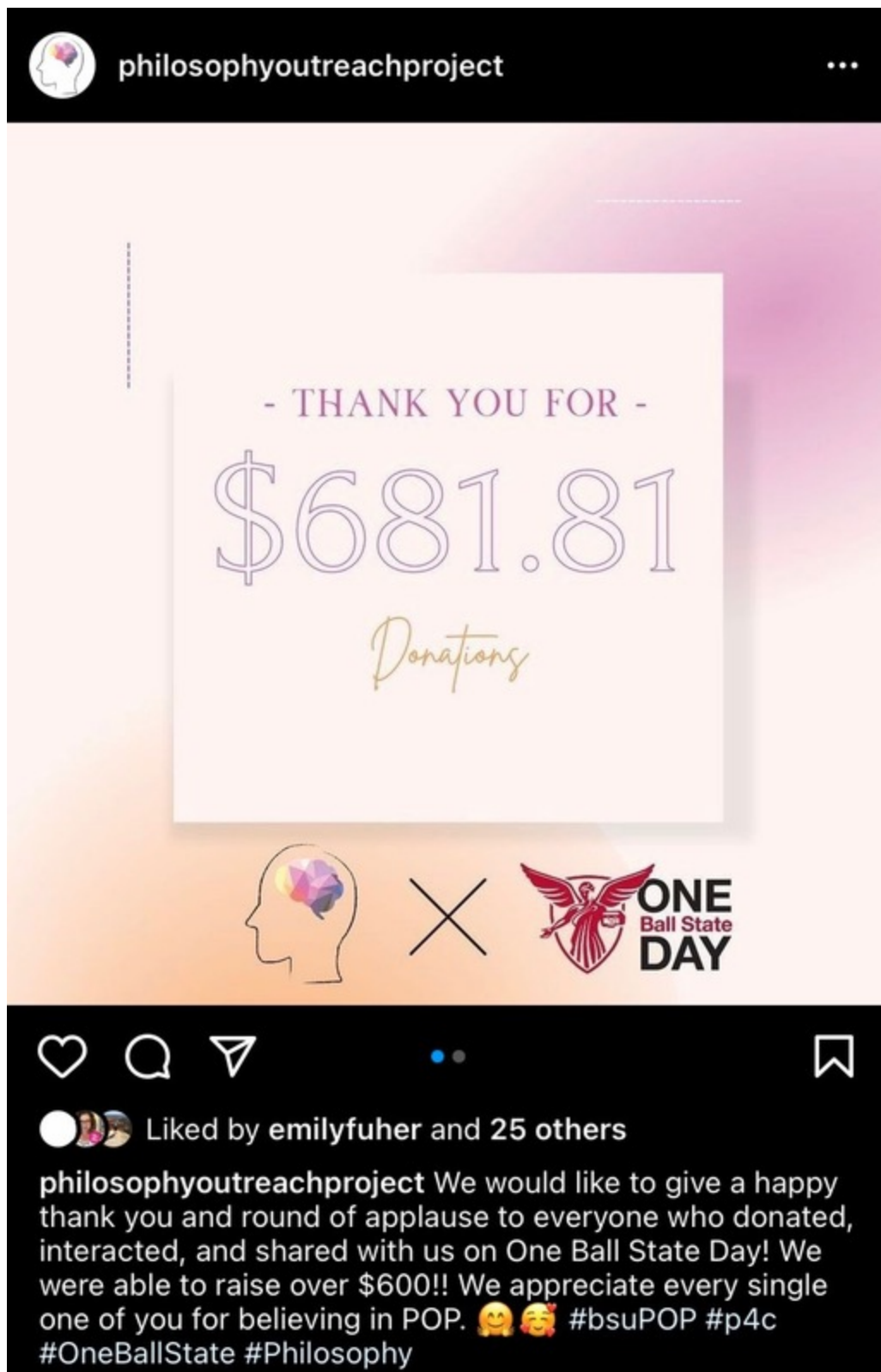
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# POP philosopher of week

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**KATHRYN  
SOPHIA BELLE**



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**philosophyoutreachproject** 📢 Our philosopher of the week this week is Kathryn Sophia Bells! 📢 Dr. Bells is an associate professor of philosophy at Pennsylvania State University. Her work focuses on the philosophy of feminism, race, and sexuality. She is committed to increasing diversity within the field of philosophy, and she is the founding director of the Collegium of Black Women Philosophers! #bsuPOP #philosophy #p4c #philosopheroftheweek

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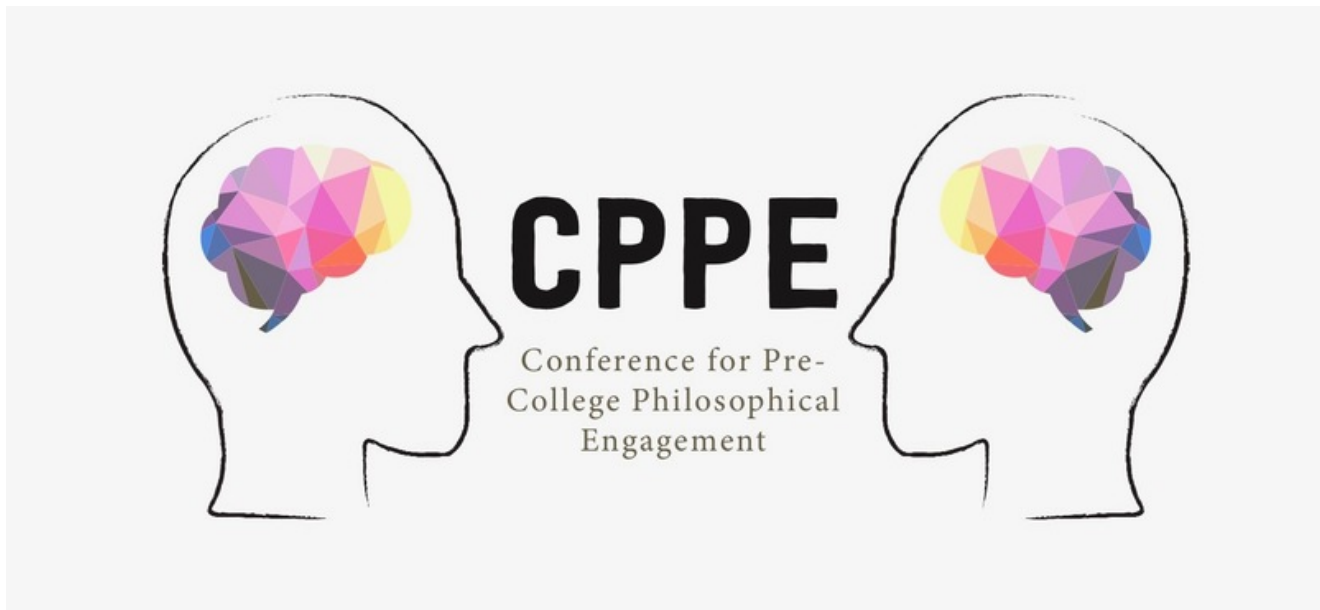
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# Conference

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## Conference for Pre-College Philosophical Engagement

POP hosts an annual free philosophy conference that is tailored to the interests and learning styles of high school students. The conference features a variety of breakout sessions that feature presentations from both Ball State students, professors, and guests. The conference is centered around small group discussion, which gives students a real opportunity to learn, discuss, and challenge their philosophical positions. Through philosophical inquiry, POP aims to provide students with a conference experience that fosters curiosity and the pursuit of knowledge.

This year, due to COVID-19, the conference was held virtually. However, the POP team was still able to provide a fun and thought-provoking conference experience for the students, and because of the virtual format, high school students from Pakistan, the Philippines, and places all over the U.S. attended. The breakout sessions featured the use of functions like Zoom whiteboards, polls, and videos to encourage increased engagement. The POP team also ran a virtual scavenger hunt for attendees during the weeks leading up to the conference. While it took some creativity and collaborative problem-solving, the POP team was able to adapt to the challenges of hosting a virtual conference.

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